

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects on tackling climate change under way in the country;
- (b) whether International assistance is being sought by the Government to finance the projects to develop innovative means of tackling climate change; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) The projects on tackling climate change are coordinated by Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) under the initiatives of Clean Development Mechanism(CDM) and multi-lateral Global Environmental Facility(GEF) with India as both donor and recipient of GEF resources. As of now, about 265 CDM projects are registered for operations and about 714 are in the pipeline. 17 national full size and medium size projects related to climate change are undertaken with GEF funding support.

(b) - (c) GEF projects are implemented by its three implementing agencies - UNDP, World Bank and United Nations Environmental Programme(UNEP). GEF Small Grants Program(SGP) compliments GEF full and medium sized project funding, by providing a window for the direct participation of NGOs, local communities and other grass root organizations. Since 1996, SGP India has funded 185 projects under GEF grants.